



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Summarized Minutes

May 11, 2015

**City Hall Kiva Forum
3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Bob Fox, Chair
James Campbell, Vice-Chair
Laurie Coe, Commissioner (telephonic)
Ricoh Danielson, Commissioner
Ragan Grossman, Commissioner (telephonic)
Lonny Ruben, Commissioner
Andrew Song, Commissioner

STAFF: Sharon Cini

GUESTS: Linda Milhaven, Councilmember
Virginia Korte, Councilmember
Jim Lane, Mayor
Rachel Smetana
Florita Campbell

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members were present as indicated above

- 1. Approval of minutes from the April 13, 2015**

VICE-CHAIR CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2015 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER RUBEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

2. Public Comment

No members of the public wished to speak.

3. Presentation, discussion and possible recommendations to staff liaison regarding updates on UNITY Pledge outreach and communications plan

Ms. Cini presented the draft UNITY Pledge outreach and communications plan to the Commission noting that she is awaiting input from the City Manager prior to forwarding the plan to City Council. She said that City staff met with One Community on April 23rd. One Community will be providing City staff with a sample of the window decal advertisement that they are offering in hopes that Scottsdale will be able to incorporate a similar model as a thank you offering to businesses who sign the UNITY Pledge. New signees who have adopted the UNITY Pledge will be showcased through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and the City Website.

Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Ms. Cini explained that the window decal design will be unique to Scottsdale. She said that community partners were reached out to based on their ability to help with individuals and partners. Staff is open to suggestions for additional community partners.

Vice-Chair Campbell suggested that staff reach out to the different HRCs in the region regarding actions they are taking regarding the UNITY Pledge.

Chair Fox suggested that the city include reach out to religious organizations who might be open to adopting the UNITY Pledge. Ms. Cini noted that for the first few months businesses will be the primary focus and over time religious organizations could be included.

4. Presentation, discussion and recommendations to staff liaison regarding possible Civil Dialogue Community education series topics/calendar 2015/16

Commissioner Song recalled the overwhelming public participation during the April HRC meeting and the expression of a need for more dialogue regarding LGBT issues and the ordinance. He proposed that a Civil Dialogue Series event highlighting various views on the LGBT ordinance, details of the ordinance, equality and protections, and current issues with an overall goal of listening to concerns, dispelling myths, and educating residents. Suggested panelists include One Community, Alliance Defending Freedom, Center for Arizona Policy, and the Human Rights Campaign. Commissioner Grossman stressed the importance of educating the public on both sides of the issue.

COMMISSIONER SONG MOVED TO HAVE THE TOPIC OF LGBT ISSUES AS THE SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT CIVIL DIALOGUE SERIES EVENT. COMMISSIONER COE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Danielson asked what how businesses will be incentivized to participate. Commissioner Song explained that organizations who expressed interest during the workshop would be reached out to, as well as the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce and neighboring cities. Commissioner Grossman added that businesses who feel passionate about the topic will be driven to come out to the event. Commissioner Ruben stressed the importance of having a moderator who is able to guide the discussion so that it does not turn into an argument.

THE MOTION TO HAVE THE TOPIC OF LGBT ISSUES AS THE SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT CIVIL DIALOGUE SERIES EVENT CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

Discussion ensued regarding the hiking event being scheduled for October and the possibility of other Civil Dialogue Series events. It was suggested that the next event following the hike be focused on interfaith and religious diversity. Commissioner Danielson expressed an interest in having a Civil Dialogue event surrounding the topic of the Veteran's Community.

COMMISSIONER GROSSMAN MOVED TO INCLUDE AS PART OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE SERIES THE HIKE IN OCTOBER AND AN ADDITIONAL INTERFAITH TOPIC IN THE SPRING. VICE-CHAIR CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

5. Staff updates regarding upcoming diversity events and activities

Ms. Cini noted that the new project coordinator liaison for the City has requested to be placed on the HRC's June agenda to present the Draft General Plan to the Commission.

Ms. Cini said that she recently met with the Arizona Asian American Association and they are working with the Cultural Council and the tourism department to bring the Annual Asian American Festival, Branch out to Asia to Scottsdale on December 5th and 6th, 2015.

The Human Relations Commissioners are invited to participate in Competitive Arizona, a Community Forum Understanding LGBT Issues and Non-Discrimination in Scottsdale scheduled for May 19th at the North Scottsdale United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. Speakers will include Virginia Korte and Linda Milhaven.

The Human Relations Commissioners are invited to attend Communities Celebrating Diversity at Coronado High School at 4:00 p.m. on May 12th.

The City of Scottsdale Board and Commission appreciation event is scheduled for May 18th at the Scottsdale Museum of the West. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Kevin McKee in the Mayor's office by May 13th.

The Positively Powerful Women event will be held on June 5th at the Ritz Carleton in Phoenix. Those who are interested in attending can let Ms. Cini know.

Ms. Cini noted that she attended the Whitney M. Young Greater Phoenix Urban League event. She suggested that the Greater Phoenix Urban League be considered for possible future partnership.

The City of Scottsdale Diversity Advisory Committee will be hosting the Juneteenth event for City staff on June 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

6. Report from the Chair

Chair Fox said that he was excited by the Commission's energy and enthusiasm about the LGBT discussion opportunity and planning future Civil Dialogue events. He noted his disappointment in the continuing issues seen in the national news relating to the relationship between community members and the police.

7. Commissioner Items

Commissioner Coe said she is excited about the upcoming Civil Dialogue event focused on both sides of the LGBT issue.

Commissioner Song noted that he attended the Asian Community in Action Event at which Mayor Lane spoke and Councilman Phillips was in attendance. He said that he is looking forward to attending the Board and Commission Appreciation event.

Commissioner Ruben said he is hoping to be able to adjust his schedule to be able to attend the Board and Commission Appreciation event. He is looking forward to attending the Competitive Arizona, a Community Forum Understanding LGBT Issues and Non-Discrimination in Scottsdale event.

Vice-Chair Campbell said he attended the Asian Community in Action Event last Saturday. He said that the Celebration of Philippine Independence is scheduled for June 13th and June 20th at ASU. He noted that he is now the chair of the Council of Philippine Organizations and is encouraging the event to be held in Scottsdale next year.

Commissioner Song noted that the Korean War Veterans event is also scheduled on June 13th.

8. Discussion regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting, and dates, times and topics for upcoming meetings

Ms. Cini said that the presentation of the draft General Plan will be included as part of the June agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz

